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SUBJECT: IRANIAN INTEREST IN BANKRUPT NEWFOUNDLAND REFINERY

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1. ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS, GOC'S INDUSTRY, TRADE AND COMMERCE MINISTER JEAN CHRETIEN RECENTLY MET IN TEHRAN WITH IRANIAN ENERGY MINISTER IRAJ VAHIDI AND WITH SHAH TO DISCUSS PLAN INVOLVING IRANIAN OIL AND POSSIBLY IRANIAN MONEY TO TAKE OVER AND OPERATE AMERICAN PROMOTER JOHN SHAHEEN'S BANKRUPT OIL REFINERY AT COME BY CHANCE, NEWFOUNDLAND. TORONTO'S ROMAN CORPORATION (HOLDING COMPANY WITH 28 PERCENT SHARE IN URANIUM-PRODUCING DENISON MINES LTD) WOULD BE PARTNERED WITH IRANIAN OIL COMPANY AND ROMAN'S PRESIDENT, VINCENT CHAPIN, ACCOMPANIED CHRETIEN ON THE TRADE MISSION TO IRAN.

2. COMMENT: IT UNCLEAR WHETHER ROMAN/IRAN OIL PROPOSAL
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IS ANYTHING MORE AT THIS STAGE THAN SOME SORT OF TRIAL BALLOON. PEAT MARWICK LTD IS REPORTEDLY STILL PLANNING TO SELL REFINERY TO HIGHEST ACCEPTABLE BIDDER AND SPOKESMAN HAS INDICATED READINESS TO ACCEPT TENDER FROM ROMAN CORP BEFORE SEPT 15 DEADLINE.

3. POST NOTES THAT PETER C NEWMAN'S "THE CANADIAN

ESTABLISHMENT" (MC CLELLAND AND STEWART LTD., TORONTO, 1975) STATES THAT "CROWNING VENTURE" OF ROMAN CORP'S STEVE ROMAN WOULD BE PLANNED DOLS 1-BILLION OIL REFINERY HE PLANNING BUILD IN BAHAMAS WITH "ARAB MONEY MEN". PRESENT STATUS THIS PLANNED PROJECT NOT KNOWN HERE. END COMMENT.

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